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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: BOTSWANA VICE PRESIDENT GIVES FRG A
READOUT ON LUANDA SUMMIT

1. ON JUNE 30, BOTSWANA'S VICE PRESIDENT QUETT K. J. MASIRE PAID A ONE DAY VISIT TO THE FRG. WITH MOST OF BONN'S AFRICAN EXPERTS OUT OF TOWN (ACCOMPANYING CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT IN AFRICA), MASIRE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ONLY WITH FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER, WHO, EARLIER IN THE DAY, HAD RETURNED FROM A THREE DAY VISIT TO ISRAEL.

2. ACCORDING TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE, THE MAJOR TOPIC
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OF THE GENSCHER-MASIRE TALKS WAS SOUTHERN AFRICA. AFTER WHAT APPEARED TO BE A RATHER PRO-FORMA REVIEW OF KNOWN POSITIONS, MASIRE SURPRISED THE GERMAN SIDE BY PROVIDING A DETAILED AND EVEN LITERAL REPORT OF THE LUANDA MEETING BETWEEN THE FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS AND SWAPO'S SAM NUJOMA. ACCORDING TO MASIRE, THE FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS PUT VERY HEAVY PRESSURE ON NUJOMA TO

ACCEPT THE WESTERN PROPOSALS. THEY EMPHASIZED REPEATEDLY THAT THE MAIN POINT OF THE EXERCISE WAS THAT SOUTH AFRICA GETS OUT OF NAMIBIA. THIS, THEY TOLD NUJOMA, WAS THE ONLY THING THAT MATTERED.

3. MASIRE REPORTED THAT NUJOMA SEEMED TO BE TAKEN ABACK BY THE NEAR UNANIMOUS ONSLAUGHT. AT ONE POINT, NUJOMA COUNTERED THAT SOUTH AFRICA WAS ATTEMPTING TO PLACE PUPPETS IN CONTROL OF NAMIBIA. NEYERERE'S RESPONSE WAS "THE ONLY PUPPET WE SEE IS YOU."

4. MASIRE EMPHASIZED THAT THE ONLY REAL IMPEDIMENT TO ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONTACT GROUP'S PROPOSAL BY THE FRONT LINE STATES WAS THE ISSUE OF WALVIS BAY. ON THIS POINT THE FRONT LINE AGREED WITH SWAPO. BEYOND THIS, MASIRE SAW NO INSURMOUNTABLE PROBLEM TO A QUICK RESOLUTION EVEN BEFORE THE KHARTOUM SUMMIT.
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